

# GLEASON HIGH SCHOOL



## Bulldogs Focusing on Confidence

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Gleason High School head football coach Noah Lampkins said his team has been working on building confidence in the off-season as the Bulldogs look to the upcoming season. Lampkins said they are looking for big things from returning player, senior Isaac Denton, who was one of the best handling the ball last season. Denton will take on the position of running back. Sophomore Drake Lovell also rounds out the starting line on offense, alongside quarterback and senior Kolton Crotchet. With

Lovell as one of the primary ball carriers for the Bulldogs, Lampkins said they are looking to give junior Kyle Brewer and senior Carson Tidwell lots of space. "We're going to try and use Crotchet's size and athletic ability to get him running down the hill," Lampkins shared. Junior Austin Clark will also have his hands on the ball as running back for the team. Tidwell was complimented with his 7-on-7 action this summer after catching well for the team. Lampkins said they will look to Tidwell as primary receiver, along with Hagen Hodges' skill

protecting the ball. "We have a lot of kids really step as seniors and senior athletes. We've worked really hard in the weight room and seen pretty consistent participation this summer," Lampkins said. The head coach said they are working on being more confident, as well as competitive. Lampkins said confidence in winning and avoiding negativity after mistakes will carry the players throughout the season. "This year's team is going to look a lot more aggressive. We had to change our mindset," he added. The D-line may seem similar to the offensive line-up as players are pulling rotations. Lampkins said in looking at the defensive line, juniors Hunter Johnson, Aaron Lawson and Blake Inman will fill the defensive line. Sophomore Mack Lawrence, senior Joe Witherspoon and junior Layne Fowler round out the line. Senior Hagen Hodges transitioned from inside linebacker to the outside. Junior Hagen

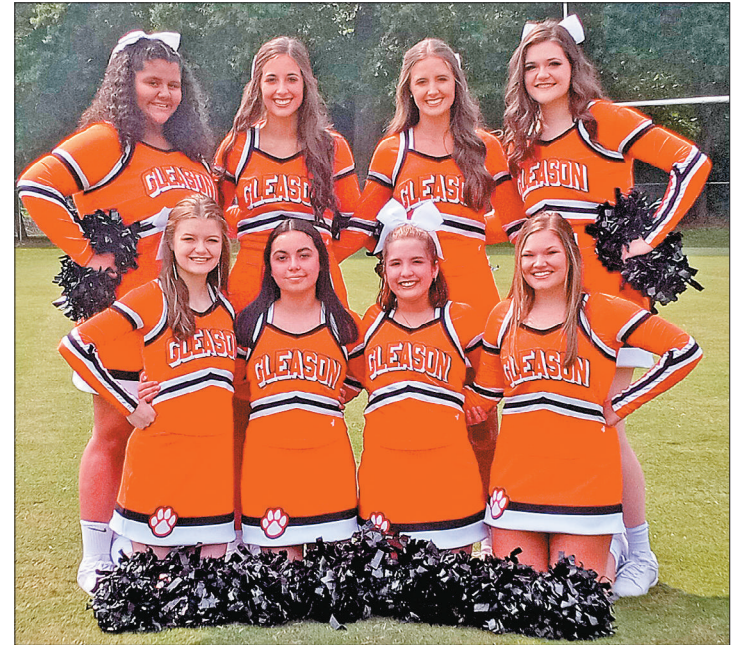


Head Coach Noah Lampkins

Hodges and sophomore Drake Lovell will also rotate on the defensive line.

At starting linebacker, junior Austin Clark, who was described as big, strong and with lots of ability, will join junior Kaiden Jones, who is improving every day as a player, as inside linebackers for the Bulldogs, Lampkins said the team has a lot of depth at the secondary positions with seniors Mason Fuzzell and Carson Tidwell returning as defensive backs.

Junior Kyle Brewer will serve in the corner position. Senior Isaac Denton will fill the safety position. While the team's weakness may be that it is light in numbers



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this season; it is full of returning players, with 16 juniors and seniors returning to the field making up the 20-plus team roster. "Sometimes you even have to overcome some voices in your

community as well. You just have to believe you're going to win," Lampkins noted. Gleason travels to Atwood Friday, August 27, where they face the West Carroll War Eagles.

### GLEASON HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position
1	Mason Fuzzell	RB/DB
2	Jack Blassingame	WR/DB
3	Kyzer Crochet	QB/DB
5	Isaac Denton	RB/LB
10	Carson Tidwell	ATH/DB
12	Holden Puckett	
13	Baker Atkins	WR/DB
18	Kolton Crochet	QB/DB
20	Christian Goad	
22	Kyle Brewer	
24	Kaiden Jones	RB/LB
25	Drake Lovell	
30	Hagen Hodges	G/LB
32	Karsen Mathias	
42	Brady Witherspoon	RB/LB
45	Austin Clark	RB/LB
52	Mack Lawrence	C/DE
54	CJ Buechler	T/DE
55	Dalton Wade	
58	Layne Fowler	G/LB
61	Jacob Johnson	G/NG
64	Blake Inman	T/LB
65	Joe Witherspoon	C/NG
72	Aaron Lawson	C/DE
73	Hunter Johnson	

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Noah Lampkins, Assistant Coaches Albert Collins, Archie Rich, and Bryan Sanders.

### GLEASON HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Date	Team	Venue
August 20	Fulton Co. KY	Home
August 27	West Carroll	Away
September 3	Bruceston	Home
September 10	Scotts Hill (HC)	Home
September 17	Dresden	Away
September 24	Greenfield	Away
October 1	OPEN	
October 8	McKenzie	Home
October 15	McEwen	Away
October 22	Perry Co.	Home
October 29	South Fulton	Away

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